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SUBJ: NEW POLISH AMBASSADOR TO ROME

- 1. STANISLAW TREPCZYNSKI, VICE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAS BEEN NAMED NEW POLISH AMBASSADOR IN ROME, REPLACING KAZIMIERZ SIDOR.
- 2. THE 52-YEAR-OLD TREPCZYNSKI, BORN IN LODZ OF MIDDLE-CLASS PARENTS, BUILT HIS EARLY CAREER PRIMARILY IN THE POLISH UNITED WORKERS' PARTY (PZPR). AT AGE 36 HE WAS NAMED CHIEF OF THE PZPR CENTRAL COMMITTEE CHANCERY. FROM 1960 UNTIL DECEMBER, 1970, HE ALSO SERVED AS PERSONAL SECRETARY TO PZPR FIRST SECRETARY WLADY-SLAW GOMULKA.
- 3. WHEN GOMULKA FELL FROM POWER, TREPCZYNSKI THREW IN HIS LOT IMMEDIATELY WITH GIEREK. HE LOST HIS POWERFUL PARTY JOB UNDER THE NEW REGIME, BUT GIEREK IN 1971 MADE HIM THE FIRST RANKING VICE MINISTER IN THE MFA, IN CHARGE OF POLISH RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, EASTERN EUROPE AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE SAME YEAR HE WAS NAMED A FULL CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER BY THE SIXTH PZPR CONGRESS.

4. DESPITE TREPCZYNSKI'S LENGTHY EXPERIENCE IN PARTY AFFAIRS,
HE PROVED HE COULD ACT RELATIVELY OBJECTIVELY WHEN HE WAS ELECTED
PRESIDENT OF THE 27TH UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1972.
HE IMPRESSED WESTERN OBSERVERS WITH HIS FIRM HANDLING OF UN

DEBATE, HIS ORGANIZATIONAL TALENTS, AND HIS HARD WORK.

5. THE NEW AMBASSADOR HAS A LAW DEGREE FROM LODZ UNIVERSITY, AS WELL AS A MASTER'S DEGREE IN ECONOMICS. HE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY DIPLOMATS HERE AS AN OUTGOING, FRIENDLY AND ACTIVE PERSON. HE SPEAKS FLUENT FRENCH, ENGLISH, GERMAN AND RUSSIAN. A BIT OF A LADIES' MAN, TREPCZYNSKI IS CURRENTLY MARRIED TO A FINNISHTRAINED ARCHITECT WHO SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH. BROWN

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